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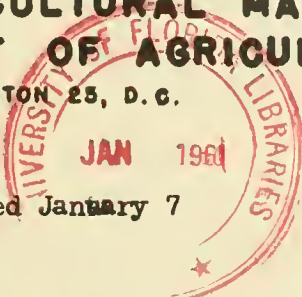
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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Prices advanced on most slaughter classes under the influence of price upturns in the dressed trade. The general price trend on slaughter steers at midwest terminals was strong to \$1.00 higher with \$1.00-2.00 upturns at Chicago. Heifers closed 25¢-1.00 higher; cows 25-75¢ higher. Stockers and feeders sold steady to strong, instances 75¢ higher. Barrows and gilts were uneven, steady to 25¢ lower at most points; sows steady to 75¢ higher. Slaughter lambs closed very uneven, steady to 75¢ lower at most terminals, however, Sioux City and St. Paul showed a steady to 50¢ higher trend.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Receipts at the 12 markets for the two Monday holiday-shortened weeks were the smallest in two years. The number of slaughter steers sold out of first hands at the 7 markets at 50,655 head was the smallest for any week since 1955 when such records were started. Very moderate supplies had a decidedly bullish influence on trading and prices advanced on most slaughter classes. Carcass steer and heifer prices reacted to the small supplies and higher live cost to score advances of \$1.00-2.00 bringing the price of Choice steer beef to the highest levels since May at some wholesale centers. Slaughter steers closed unevenly strong to \$1.00 higher, with a large volume of sales 50¢-1.00 up and bulk of sales at Chicago \$1.00-2.00 higher. In Chicago the sharp advance brought most steers to the highest levels since early last summer. Slaughter heifers were 25¢-1.00 higher. Cows sold 25¢-75¢ higher with advances of \$1.00-1.50 in Sioux City under the influence of a sharply higher trend on cow beef. Bulls sold steady to 50¢ higher while weaners were \$1.00-2.00 lower in St. Paul and St. Louis. Slaughter steers and heifers made up the bulk of the receipts at most terminals with Good and Choice grades predominating. High-Choice and Prime steers and heifers were in very limited supply, the percentage of Prime in the steer supply at Chicago down from 16 percent the previous week to 14 percent for the week under review.

Bulk of the Choice and Prime 900-1400# steers brought \$25.50-29.50 in Chicago with most sales at the close from \$26.50-29.50 and including 20 loads Prime 1100-1350# at \$29.50. At other points a few loads of mixed Choice and Prime steers sold at \$27.00-28.50 while bulk of the high-Good and Choice brought \$25.00-27.50 with some high-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 950-1125# yearlings at \$28.50-29.00 in Chicago. Loadlots Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 1300-1600# weights \$24.75-28.00. Bulk of the Good steers sold at \$23.00-25.75. Mixed Choice and Prime heifers went from \$26.50-27.65 with several loads to \$28.00 in Chicago. Choice

heifers moved from \$25.25-27.25 and Good from \$22.00-25.75. Utility and Commercial cows cashed at \$14.00-17.00, few \$17.50; Canners and Cutters \$12.00-15.00, few \$15.50.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - With marketings for the second consecutive week interrupted by a Monday holiday, receipts of stocker and feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets continued rather limited. Medium to low-Choice offerings predominated but a few shipments of both calves and cattle were well up in the Choice grade. As was the case the previous week, year-end holiday activities tended to curtail buyer attendance but demand proved fully sufficient to absorb the limited numbers. Prices at midwest terminals were mostly steady to strong, instances 75¢ higher. At southwestern markets prices were generally strong to \$1.00 higher. Feedlot operators showed considerable interest in fleshy 950-1050# steers and even though such kinds made up a fairly large percentage of the overall total receipts not many were returned to the country due to the broad demand from slaughter interest.

Good and Choice 800-1050# feeder steers bulked at \$22.50-25.50, few under 900# up to \$26.00. At Kansas City Choice 1042# sold at \$25.10. Medium and low-Good feeder steers brought \$20.00-23.00. Several loads Choice 600-650# stock steers sold at \$28.00-28.25, few Choice and Fancy 500-583# \$29.50-33.00. Majority Good and Choice 550-750# steers cashed from \$23.00-26.75; Medium and low-Good \$20.00-24.50. Limited numbers of Good and Choice yearling heifers sold from \$22.00-24.50. Several loads Choice and Fancy 446-490# steer calves brought \$32.15-33.50. Other Good and Choice steer calves sold from \$24.00-31.50 but relatively few sold below \$26.00. Good and Choice heifer calves brought \$22.00-28.50, 2 loads 468-500# carrying an end of Fancy \$29.00.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Hog receipts at the 12 markets for the first week of the New Year numbered 289,000 only little changed from the previous week which also included a Monday holiday, but fell around 152,000 short of the same week a year ago, which had a full marketing period. Supplies were predominantly mixed grade U. S. No. 1-3 and 2-3 200-270# barrows and gilts with an increased showing of butchers over 250# at markets in the western Corn Belt area. The average weight of barrows and gilts at the 8 markets was 238#, compared with 232# the previous week and 233# a year earlier. Shipper demand was fairly broad for both butchers and sows with some shipper orders calling for butchers weighing up to 260#.

although the best demand centered on 190-230# offerings. Unevenness again characterized the trade on hogs over 250# with many consignments of the same weight and grade selling in a spread of 50¢ and occasionally as much as 75¢-1.00. Price trends also were uneven. After considerable fluctuation during the week prices on barrows and gilts closed steady to 25¢ lower at most terminals. At Sioux City, however, prices were 25¢ higher, extremes 50¢ up while at St. Louis and Indianapolis 230-300# weights ranged steady to 50¢ higher. Sows closed steady to 75¢ higher, largely 25-50¢ up.

On Friday U. S. No. 1, and 1-2, 180-230# barrows and gilts sold at \$17.50-18.50, largely \$17.50-18.00. Mixed U. S. 1-3, and 2-3, 180-250# bulked at \$16.75-17.75. U. S. 2-3, and U. S. 3, 240-270# butchers sold in a wide range of \$16.00-17.50. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows brought \$12.50-15.50, bulk \$13.00-15.00.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3 live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 95¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago December 29 to January 4, 1961, inclusive.

Prices on feeder pigs advanced 25-50¢ at Sioux City but closed steady to weak at St. Paul. Good and Choice 130-170# feeder pigs brought \$16.00-17.00, few Choice \$17.25 at Sioux City while Good and Choice 130-160# sold at \$17.00-17.25 at St. Paul.

HOGS - Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area for the week were around 5 percent more than the comparable period last week, but 27 percent less than the corresponding week last year which was a full marketing week. Barrows and gilts closed unevenly steady to 25¢ higher; sows 40¢ higher, and comprised about 8 percent of total receipts. On Friday mixed U. S. 1-3 190-240# barrows and gilts sold from \$16.40-17.25 with a moderate supply U. S. 1-2 at \$17.25-17.50 and few \$17.75. No. 1-3 270-400# sows brought \$13.25-15.30; 400-550# \$11.50-13.80.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Prices for slaughter lambs declined early in the week under the influence of fairly liberal marketings. However, higher prices for dressed lamb stimulated trading on later rounds with some of the initial downturns recovered. Price trends on slaughter lambs were very uneven. At most points prices closed steady to 75¢ lower with Fort Worth 50¢-1.50 off. However, prices at Sioux City, St. Paul and Denver and on woolled lambs at Kansas City showed a steady to 50¢ higher trend. Slaughter ewes were steady to strong. Feeder lambs were steady to 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 up at Fort Worth.

Choice and Prime 85-113# woolled slaughter lambs sold from \$17.00-18.00 on the close, few \$18.25-18.75; several shipments of Choice and Prime 110-125# woolled lambs \$15.50-17.50. Good and Choice 80-112# woolled lambs \$15.50-17.50 mainly \$16.00-17.50. Utility and Good \$12.50-16.00. Choice and Prime 85-115# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts brought

\$16.00-17.00, sparingly \$17.00-17.50; Good and Choice \$15.50-16.75. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes \$4.00-7.50, few Cull \$2.50-3.50.

Good and Choice 65-81# feeder lambs sold from \$16.00-17.50 including Choice 81# feeders at \$17.50; part deck Choice 76# feeders \$18.00 at St. Paul. Choice 85-95# feeders \$16.75-17.00 at Sioux City. Medium and Good feeder lambs \$13.00-16.00. A few Choice 88-94# shorn feeder lambs brought \$16.50-17.00.

Receipts of sheep and lambs in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area at 41,500 head were 38 percent more than the previous week and 29 percent more than a year earlier. Demand was fairly good throughout the week. Woolled slaughter lambs were steady to strong, instances \$1.00 higher; shorn lambs were fully steady, instances 25¢ higher. Slaughter ewes closed mainly steady, instances 50¢ higher.

On Friday, Choice and Prime 80-105# woolled slaughter lambs delivered to packing plants brought \$17.00-17.50; limited volume high-yielding lambs \$17.75-18.00; Choice and Prime 105-115# \$16.00-17.25. Good and Choice 80-110# woolled lambs \$16.00-17.00. Choice and Prime 80-105# shorn lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts brought \$15.50-16.25 with most sales \$16.00-16.25; Choice and Prime high-yielding lambs with fall shorn pelts \$16.50 in some sections, Good and Choice \$15.00-16.00. Cull to Choice woolled slaughter ewes \$2.00-4.50, few \$5.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f. o. b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, AND UTAH - Direct trade on slaughter steers and heifers was fairly active, with prices firm, instances 50¢ higher; stocker and feeder cattle and calves fully steady, instances \$1.00 higher on steer calves. Slaughter lambs closed strong to 50¢ higher, trade high-lighted by first movement of the season of alfalfa pastured offerings from Imperial Valley of California.

Slaughter steers: Around 10 loads mostly Choice 925-1000# \$26.25-26.50; 250 loads high-Good and Choice 900-1250# \$25.00-26.00, including some for delivery up to March 1; mostly Choice 1250-1350# \$25.00; Good 850-1175# \$23.75-24.75, some loads carrying end of Choice and for delivery March 1; Standard and Good 900-1300# \$22.50-23.50; 5 loads mostly Standard 1000-1200# \$21.25.

Slaughter heifers: Around 110 loads Good and Choice 700-1100# \$23.00-25.00, some for February 1 to March 1 delivery.

Stockers and feeders: Couple small lots Good and Choice 315-450# stock steer calves \$28.50-30.00, other Good and Choice mixed

calves and short yearlings around 360-550# \$26.00-28.00 on steers, heifers largely \$24.00; 220 head 500-525# heifers \$23.00-24.00. Good and Choice 700-900# feeder steers \$23.00-25.00; Good and Choice 510-700# heifers \$21.00-23.00.

Lambs: In Imperial Valley of California, loadlots mostly Choice and Prime 106-112# shorn alfalfa pastured with No. 2 pelts \$18.50-19.00; Utah, Choice and Prime woolled 99-109# slaughter lambs \$18.25-19.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN NEBRASKA, AND WESTERN KANSAS - The holiday shortened week coupled with a sizable carryover of previously purchased cattle and steer beef helped to reduce the demand for slaughter steers and heifers and trading was only moderately active. Slaughter steers steady to 25¢ higher; heifers strong to 25¢ higher, instances 35¢ up. In Colorado, 83 loads Choice 1075-1250# slaughter steers \$26.65-27.25; 88 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 1100-1300# \$25.35-26.50; 161 loads Choice 900-1025# \$25.75-26.35; 7 loads high-Good and low-Choice 925-1050# \$25.50-25.75. Western Kansas: 4 loads high-Good to mostly Choice 1100# slaughter steers \$25.00 f.o.b. feedlot.

Demand for stocker and feeder cattle and calves good, prices fully steady. Western Kansas: 4 loads Good and Choice 850-880# steers \$23.00-24.00; 16 loads Good and Choice 625-650# heifers for April-June delivery \$23.00-24.00; 2 loads Good 600# heifers for immediate delivery \$22.50. Two loads Good and Choice calves, steers 450# \$28.00, heifers 425# \$26.00. Colorado: 13 loads Good and Choice 750-835# steers \$25.00-25.50; 2 loads Good and Choice 650-675# heifers \$24.00.

Demand for slaughter lambs good with prices steady to mostly 25¢ higher. Colorado and western Kansas: Choice and Prime 98-114# woolled slaughter lambs \$17.50-18.25; over the area Choice 90-110# woolled lambs \$17.50-17.75. In Colorado, Choice and Prime 95-108# shorn lambs No. 1 and 2 pelts \$16.50-17.00; 4 loads Good and Choice 80-90# feeder lambs \$15.50-16.50. In Wyoming, 4 loads 118-122# \$16.25, delivered Colorado.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Slaughter cattle in broad demand and steers closed 50¢ higher, heifers \$1.00 up. Stockers and feeders were scarce and steady. Fifteen loads Good and Choice 1070-1150# slaughter steers \$26.50; 3 loads 1500# \$24.75; 49 loads Good, few Choice 963-1270# \$24.00-26.00; 15 loads Utility, Standard and few Good 930-1120# \$20.50-23.50; 29 loads Good, few Choice 700-970# slaughter heifers \$24.00-25.50. Around 1,600 Good and Choice 650-1000# stocker and feeder steers \$23.50-23.85; 200 Medium and Good 850# \$21.80; small lots Good and Choice 360-410# stock calves \$26.00-28.00 on steers, \$24.00 on heifers; 2 loads Medium stock cows \$13.50. Slaughter lambs weak, instances 50¢ lower; feeders strong. Around 3,000 Good and Choice 95-103# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$15.75-16.75 delivered; 700 Choice 77# feeders \$17.00; 1,200 Good and Choice 70# shorn feeders \$15.50-15.75.

Amarillo Area - Trading moderately active, slaughter steers and heifers steady to 50¢ higher; stockers and feeders firm. Two loads mostly Good, few Choice 1025-1050# slaughter steers \$25.65 delivered; 11 loads Choice 950-1000# heifers \$24.75-25.00; 10 loads Good, few Choice 850-925# mixed yearlings, mostly heifers \$24.00; 11 loads Good 680-725# \$23.50; 550 Good 540-800# stocker and feeder steers for through spring delivery \$23.50-24.00; 200 Choice 500# steers \$26.00. Over 3,600 Good and Choice 550-675# heifers for up to spring delivery \$22.75-24.00; 100 Choice 450# steer calves \$28.00.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Direct trading on slaughter steers and heifers was moderately active, fully steady; instances strong; stockers and feeders fully steady; slaughter lambs fully steady to 50¢ higher.

Slaughter steers: Washington and Idaho - Mostly Choice 1000-1266# \$25.00-26.50, including several loads at \$25.50 for up to Feb. 15 delivery.

Slaughter heifers: Washington and Idaho - Good and Choice 850-975# \$23.00-24.00, including several loads for 30 days delivery at \$23.50. Mixed Good and Choice 875-925# \$23.00-23.50.

Stockers and feeders: Washington - Choice 850-1000# feeder steers \$25.00. Good and Choice 510# stock calves, steers \$26.00, heifers \$23.00. Idaho - Good and Choice 700# fleshy feeder heifers \$22.75. Good two-eight-year-old bred stock cows \$190.00-210.00 each. Oregon - Good and Choice mixed feeders, steers 950# at \$24.50, heifers 750-800# at \$23.00. Good and Choice 500# stock calves, steers \$25.00, heifers \$23.00. Good 1000# bred two-year-old heifers \$225.00 each.

Slaughter lambs: Washington - Choice and Prime 100-105# woolled \$17.25; Choice and Prime shorn with No. 2 pelts \$17.50. Idaho - Choice and Prime 100-115# woolled \$18.25-19.00. Oregon: Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 97-108# shorn with mostly No. 2 pelts \$17.50-18.25 delivered West Coast.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Direct trading slow, cattle and calves fully steady to strong; slaughter lambs strong, instances 50¢ higher.

Cattle: Montana - Around 260 high-Good to mostly Choice slaughter steers and heifers, steers 1150-1250# at \$24.50, heifers 890-985# at \$23.50.

Calves: Montana and Northern Wyoming - 825 high-Good to mostly Choice stock calves, steers 375-500# at \$28.00-31.00, heifers 360-450# at \$25.00-27.00; 250 Choice 400# heifers \$27.00.

Sheep: Northern Wyoming - 1,200 Good to mostly Choice 108-115# woolled slaughter lambs \$15.75-16.25; 700 mostly Choice 95# shorn slaughter lambs, No. 1 pelts \$14.75; 500 Choice 100-105# woolled lambs for mid-March delivery \$17.50; 1,000 Good and Choice 92# ewe lambs \$17.00.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Jan. 7	Jan. 9	Jan. 7	Jan. 9	Jan. 7	Jan. 9	Jan. 7	Jan. 9
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	28,177	41,515	278	312	32,340	51,470	6,258	13,552
Cincinnati	2,768	3,808	503	672	9,376	13,518	782	1,117
Denver	6,092	11,469	248	791	3,763	5,716	7,554	12,923
Fort Worth	6,347	5,930	1,811	1,182	1,868	1,646	8,084	6,296
Indianapolis	6,508	8,057	380	648	29,889	42,786	4,392	4,194
Kansas City	12,982	20,753	592	1,252	14,046	18,077	4,392	4,320
Oklahoma City	7,795	8,642	676	716	3,387	3,587	1,820	1,280
Omaha	27,959	35,879	588	748	42,720	63,396	12,752	13,981
St. Joseph	11,364	15,745	323	738	21,722	36,019	6,050	10,239
St. Louis NSY	12,052	14,895	1,976	2,507	45,965	76,987	6,499	6,700
Sioux City	22,033	27,757	1,638	1,091	35,669	53,883	8,699	11,943
S. St. Paul	16,657	22,716	8,861	11,804	47,796	73,090	14,684	17,188
Total	160,734	217,166	17,874	22,461	288,541	440,175	81,966	103,733
" Dec. 31, 1960	156,770		11,151		287,552		70,518	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	Jan. 7, 1961	Dec. 31, 1960	Jan. 9, 1960
Hogs	354,000	336,000	483,000
Sheep	41,500	30,000	32,100

RECEIPTS, SALABLE AND TOTAL OF LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

MONTH OF DECEMBER

Market	Cattle				Calves			
	Salable		Total		Salable		Total	
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Chicago	160,841	193,077	169,296	206,505	1,200	1,621	1,200	1,630
Cincinnati	13,305	13,682	17,938	18,839	1,962	2,279	1,989	2,472
Denver	27,018	39,960	54,430	123,556	1,862	4,640	4,647	6,869
Fort Worth	30,050	22,544	38,768	28,880	6,610	7,882	10,663	13,718
Indianapolis	23,231	27,202	23,331	27,381	1,737	2,517	1,737	2,674
Kansas City	76,194	86,347	103,701	109,925	5,120	4,923	13,205	8,279
Oklahoma City	26,620	33,470	28,018	36,760	5,580	4,606	5,701	4,808
Omaha	156,553	170,201	161,096	174,598	5,473	7,819	5,616	7,969
St. Joseph	65,676	67,175	66,505	69,231	2,817	2,713	2,912	2,751
St. Louis NSY	59,760	61,942	61,439	63,879	7,986	8,798	8,151	8,886
Sioux City	130,096	132,946	133,919	136,242	14,592	19,360	15,857	20,502
S. St. Paul	86,677	93,906	93,786	102,823	40,388	42,138	42,026	43,709
Total	856,021	942,452	952,227	1,098,619	95,327	109,296	113,704	124,267

Market	Hogs				Sheep and lambs			
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Chicago	172,444	217,628	177,698	221,819	32,348	49,377	33,823	54,688
Cincinnati	41,481	52,581	64,084	67,678	4,293	5,573	5,029	5,639
Denver	18,398	23,828	42,724	63,191	35,618	55,945	71,550	108,904
Fort Worth	6,579	8,804	23,495	27,825	19,295	24,833	41,407	45,036
Indianapolis	126,499	168,022	130,348	169,212	13,364	19,793	13,882	20,395
Kansas City	68,579	79,868	75,664	86,694	24,501	19,924	46,054	33,730
Oklahoma City	11,374	13,684	33,982	51,567	5,287	6,824	5,287	6,824
Omaha	196,667	280,230	269,270	399,110	48,380	59,688	65,089	66,833
St. Joseph	116,325	159,303	171,030	231,190	26,880	28,088	48,244	57,333
St. Louis NSY	236,553	321,249	239,384	331,897	31,401	28,581	33,684	30,950
Sioux City	187,525	247,552	205,860	298,027	40,917	46,939	53,879	55,042
S. St. Paul	221,841	301,868	281,798	373,029	72,871	68,532	106,478	88,914
Total	1,404,265	1,874,617	1,715,337	2,321,239	355,155	414,097	524,406	574,288

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA

	<u>Hogs</u>	<u>Sheep</u>
December 1960	1,654,000	136,100
December 1959	1,921,000	109,800

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Jan. 5 1961	Jan. 7 1960	Jan. 5 1961	Jan. 7 1960	Jan. 5 1961	Jan. 7 1960	Jan. 5 1961	Jan. 7 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	2,528	2,753	14.2	10.1	1,199	1,256	28.58	27.53
Choice.....	11,613	17,082	65.3	62.5	1,156	1,181	27.35	26.01
Good.....	2,798	6,085	15.7	22.3	1,139	1,126	25.45	24.27
Standard.....	547	1,290	3.1	4.7	1,007	1,032	23.27	22.21
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	301	105	1.7	.4	1,007	935	20.18	18.47
All grades.....	17,787	27,315			1,152	1,168	27.02	25.62
OMAHA								
Prime.....	142	177	1.3	1.1	1,159	1,178	27.44	26.77
Choice.....	5,231	6,716	46.6	43.1	1,178	1,178	26.00	25.17
Good.....	5,297	7,956	47.2	51.0	1,155	1,169	24.43	23.12
Standard.....	444	584	3.9	3.8	1,115	1,129	21.13	19.38
Utility.....	114	157	1.0	1.0	1,033	1,160	20.12	17.29
All grades.....	11,228	15,590			1,163	1,172	25.04	23.86
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	226	285	3.4	2.5	1,272	1,211	27.54	26.53
Choice.....	4,141	7,344	61.0	64.8	1,183	1,159	26.41	25.11
Good.....	2,193	3,321	32.3	29.3	1,160	1,114	25.04	23.32
Standard.....	212	331	3.1	2.9	1,104	1,060	21.66	20.89
Utility.....	14	57	.2	.5	1,048	1,042	20.27	18.43
All grades.....	6,786	11,338			1,176	1,144	25.86	24.50
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	--	42	--	.6	--	1,186	--	27.65
Choice.....	806	2,375	18.5	35.2	1,132	1,159	26.24	24.71
Good.....	2,739	3,639	62.8	54.0	1,138	1,149	24.52	22.34
Standard.....	747	597	17.1	8.9	1,093	1,068	21.79	20.22
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	68	91	1.6	1.3	1,016	1,132	19.00	17.48
All grades.....	4,360	6,744			1,127	1,145	24.31	22.98
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,243	867	26.1	17.9	1,089	1,099	26.47	25.18
Good.....	2,415	2,381	50.8	49.0	1,078	1,065	24.67	23.46
Standard.....	923	1,463	19.4	30.1	954	1,037	22.37	20.63
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	174	144	3.7	3.0	846	890	18.90	17.56
All grades.....	4,755	4,855			1,048	1,058	24.58	22.80
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,268	2,173	27.2	34.4	1,158	1,130	25.83	24.72
Good.....	3,146	3,368	67.4	53.4	1,117	1,147	23.96	22.74
Standard.....	252	738	5.4	11.7	1,096	1,093	20.48	20.05
Utility.....	--	30	--	.5	--	953	--	15.78
All grades.....	4,666	6,309			1,127	1,134	24.30	23.09
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	601	1,543	56.0	51.5	1,202	1,217	25.96	25.12
Good.....	391	1,382	36.4	46.1	1,156	1,175	24.37	23.98
Standard.....	81	71	7.6	2.4	1,050	1,175	19.63	19.25
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	1,073	2,996			1,174	1,196	24.96	24.47

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/									
Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.		
	Month								
	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1959	
CHICAGO									
Prime.....	17,398	13,533	15.3	9.8	1,239	1,253	27.97	27.22	
Choice.....	68,004	91,707	59.7	66.3	1,173	1,165	26.86	25.57	
Good.....	24,241	26,499	21.3	19.2	1,119	1,110	25.42	23.87	
Standard.....	3,066	5,305	2.7	3.8	1,003	1,033	23.16	22.26	
Commercial.....	103	315	.1	.2	1,401	1,443	23.63	20.87	
Utility.....	1,078	1,003	.9	.7	1,052	1,036	21.10	18.60	
All grades.....	113,890	138,362			1,166	1,158	26.61	25.26	
OMAHA									
Prime.....	868	797	1.3	1.1	1,181	1,194	26.87	26.61	
Choice.....	31,422	32,101	46.7	44.0	1,163	1,144	25.66	24.98	
Good.....	32,031	35,775	47.7	49.1	1,122	1,145	24.03	23.12	
Standard.....	2,362	3,458	3.5	4.7	1,086	1,118	20.78	20.00	
Utility.....	523	780	.8	1.1	1,034	1,067	19.60	17.77	
All grades.....	67,206	72,911			1,140	1,143	24.71	23.78	
SIOUX CITY									
Prime.....	781	758	1.6	1.3	1,200	1,160	27.25	26.14	
Choice.....	27,795	34,199	57.8	60.0	1,162	1,149	25.99	24.64	
Good.....	17,815	20,033	37.0	35.2	1,125	1,106	24.60	23.20	
Standard.....	1,367	1,570	2.8	2.8	1,101	1,092	21.54	20.63	
Utility.....	379	432	.8	.7	1,074	1,063	20.04	18.62	
All grades.....	48,137	56,992			1,147	1,132	25.34	24.01	
KANSAS CITY									
Prime.....	28	180	.1	.6	1,062	1,173	27.01	27.48	
Choice.....	4,773	7,513	19.8	26.8	1,120	1,149	26.11	24.75	
Good.....	16,058	15,690	66.6	56.1	1,120	1,143	24.34	22.79	
Standard.....	3,032	3,893	12.6	14.0	1,088	1,111	21.04	20.22	
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Utility.....	216	693	.9	2.5	1,010	1,111	18.62	17.34	
All grades.....	24,107	27,969			1,115	1,140	24.24	22.87	
ST. LOUIS NSY									
Prime.....	110	5	.5	--	1,253	1,203	27.58	26.50	
Choice.....	4,917	2,957	21.9	13.3	1,075	1,076	26.20	25.43	
Good.....	13,068	10,952	58.2	49.1	1,057	1,079	24.52	23.61	
Standard.....	3,796	7,525	16.9	33.7	976	1,024	22.08	21.17	
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Utility.....	558	862	2.5	3.9	884	1,012	18.67	17.89	
All grades.....	22,451	22,301			1,044	1,057	24.41	22.85	
S. ST. JOSEPH									
Prime.....	106	128	.3	.4	1,110	1,141	27.43	26.85	
Choice.....	11,935	15,317	39.1	47.9	1,140	1,122	25.99	24.51	
Good.....	16,926	13,022	55.4	40.7	1,109	1,134	24.02	22.43	
Standard.....	1,572	3,413	5.2	10.7	1,098	1,091	20.83	19.47	
Utility.....	--	89	--	.3	--	1,024	--	16.36	
All grades.....	30,539	31,969			1,120	1,123	24.65	23.12	
DENVER									
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Choice.....	2,672	5,060	55.8	55.4	1,180	1,198	25.94	25.43	
Good.....	1,957	3,827	40.9	41.9	1,148	1,174	24.74	23.97	
Standard.....	158	206	3.3	2.2	1,101	1,130	19.95	18.89	
Utility.....	--	45	--	.5	--	1,044	--	16.84	
All grades.....	4,787	9,138			1,164	1,186	25.27	24.65	

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STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
					Month			
	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1959
Prime	19,291	15,401	6.2	4.3	1,234	1,243	27.89	27.14
Choice	151,518	188,854	48.7	52.5	1,161	1,154	26.33	25.18
Good	122,096	125,798	39.3	35.0	1,113	1,125	24.49	23.24
Standard	15,353	25,370	4.9	7.1	1,045	1,066	21.66	20.79
Commercial ...	103	315	--	.1	1,401	1,443	23.63	20.87
Utility	2,754	3,904	.9	1.0	1,014	1,053	20.03	17.98
All grades ...	311,115	359,642			1,140	1,141	25.47	24.24

HEIFERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT SEVEN MARKETS COMBINED 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month							
	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1959	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1959
Prime	4,366	4,034	3.7	2.9	1,022	1,014	26.51	25.39
Choice	61,429	67,225	51.7	47.9	971	966	25.24	24.18
Good	44,518	55,448	37.5	39.5	911	914	23.66	22.74
Standard	6,710	11,553	5.7	8.2	845	864	21.01	19.98
Utility	1,696	2,081	1.4	1.5	928	885	18.37	17.06
All grades	118,719	140,341			943	937	24.41	23.24

SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER AT FIVE SPECIFIED MARKETS 1/
STEERS

Market	Number of head		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Month					
	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
Cincinnati	2,963	3,376	1,046	1,052	24.37	23.43
Indianapolis	8,222	11,822	1,044	1,058	25.09	23.94
Fort Worth	3,100	4,224	1,030	990	23.64	22.04
Oklahoma City	2,494	3,388	1,116	1,115	23.82	22.47
Sioux Falls	10,337	10,833	1,143	1,131	25.09	23.71

HEIFERS

Cincinnati	2,020	2,204	743	758	22.88	22.61
Indianapolis	2,358	3,268	866	865	24.03	23.12
Fort Worth	835	1,579	712	683	23.67	22.50
Oklahoma City	1,020	1,670	826	862	23.74	22.02
Sioux Falls	6,717	7,875	973	970	23.80	22.61

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STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

		Week ended		Month		Six months	
		Jan. 5 1961	Dec. 29 1960	Jan. 7 1960	Dec. 1960	Dec. 1959	July - December 1960 : 1959
Steers - 1001# up	688	1,316	576	5,314	3,311	16,113	20,697
901-1000	2,051	1,299	1,557	9,430	7,588	47,553	65,372
801-900	3,628	1,859	3,117	15,016	16,177	102,590	120,793
701-800	3,043	1,062	4,736	17,349	20,775	167,539	187,038
501-700	6,287	3,276	7,214	34,853	38,685	350,626	371,130
Total steers 10 markets	15,697	8,812	17,200	81,962	86,536	684,421	765,030
Av. wts. " " " " " " " "	755#	797#	734#	746#	732#	710#	719#
Av. cost* " " " " " " " "	\$23.55	\$23.41	\$22.68	\$23.81	\$22.97	\$22.14	\$25.05
" " " " Chicago	22.58	23.43	23.21	23.60	22.87	23.71	25.85
" " " " Kansas City	24.43	23.07	22.60	23.61	22.51	21.76	24.52
" " " " Omaha	23.76	23.31	23.43	23.81	23.62	23.31	26.08
" " " " S. St. Paul	21.10	21.63	21.40	21.96	21.54	21.29	23.53
" " " " Sioux City	25.42	24.69	23.86	25.15	24.72	23.68	26.34
" " " " Denver	24.43	24.58	24.37	24.39	23.96	22.89	25.48
" " " " Ft. Worth	22.79	22.68	22.21	22.42	21.88	20.16	23.86
" " " " Oklahoma City ...	22.83	21.81	21.34	23.11	21.21	20.23	23.89
" " " " S. St. Joseph ...	22.73	22.49	21.70	22.66	21.89	20.91	24.38
" " " " St. Louis NSY ...	22.48	22.29	21.58	22.48	21.42	20.96	23.76
Total calves - 10 markets	6,251	6,503	8,443	75,401	70,802	545,104	513,242
" " heifers " " " " " "	2,888	1,284	2,433	12,096	12,181	118,443	136,849
" " cows " " " " " "	637	487	690	6,151	7,104	33,401	30,340

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

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WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Jan. 7	Jan. 9	Jan. 7	Jan. 9	Jan. 7	Jan. 9	Jan. 7	Jan. 9
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area...	7,531	15,253	7,487	11,303	41,421	57,404	37,577	52,400
Baltimore, Philadelphia.....	8,160	9,225	1,648	2,265	27,046	32,489	4,968	5,884
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls...	17,786	20,653	3,883	5,687	102,631	164,083	14,629	18,046
Chicago Area.....	15,684	17,267	6,728	7,767	36,741	28,042	5,484	5,225
St. Paul-Wisc. Areas.....	25,303	33,847	22,737	27,513	94,700	173,512	20,844	21,577
St. Louis Area.....	9,769	12,140	1,706	1,627	56,464	109,730	6,091	7,244
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area...	20,124	27,798	--	--	98,095	139,497	14,671	22,029
Omaha Area.....	32,121	39,211	114	90	70,386	103,398	20,302	22,209
Kansas City.....	12,566	15,981	--	--	30,266	53,244	--	--
Iowa -So. Minnesota.....	28,113	34,920	9,283	11,505	264,629	385,211	44,738	39,154
Lou'1.Evan'1.Nash'1.Mph's....	4,670	7,562	2,971	3,764	46,482	74,601	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area..	7,862	7,520	4,262	2,830	29,048	35,283	--	--
St. Jo'ph.Wichita, Okla.City.	18,344	22,507	1,012	1,292	41,788	64,631	12,619	15,473
Ft.Worth,Dallas,San Antonio..	9,291	8,654	4,252	4,240	12,185	19,324	11,827	11,850
Denver,Ogden,Salt Lake City..	17,604	19,906	179	233	12,662	23,390	20,116	38,108
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas.	25,844	30,826	813	1,447	22,564	32,728	24,181	40,165
Portland, Seattle, Spokane...	6,887	7,114	239	379	13,881	21,906	4,275	5,683
Total.....	267,659	330,384	67,314	81,942	1,000,989	1,518,473	242,322	305,047

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.		
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Jan. 7, 1961	320	191.4	95	10.5	1,160	162.6	265	13.0	377.5	--
Dec. 31, 1960	290	175.2	75	8.3	1,120	153.2	240	11.5	348.2	--
Dec. 17, 1960 1/	371	--	107	--	1,309	--	231	--	--	41.3
Jan. 9, 1960 1/	400	241.3	115	13.2	1,740	237.4	339	16.8	508.7	54.3

Percentage change from:

Dec. 31, 1960	10	9	27	26	4	6	10	13	8	--
Jan. 9, 1960	-20	-21	-17	-20	-33	-32	-22	-23	-26	--

Week ended		Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
		Cattle		Calves		Hogs <u>2/</u>		Sheep and lambs		
		Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	
Jan. 7, 1961		1050	598	200	111	246	140	102	49	--
Dec. 31, 1960		1050	604	200	111	240	137	101	48	--
Dec. 17, 1960		1035	595	195	109	245	140	100	48	--
Jan. 9, 1960		1061	603	203	115	238	136	102	50	13.1

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.
	7	9	7	9	7	9	7	9	7	9
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime	900-1100#	28.81	27.40	--	--	27.94	27.35	--	--	--
	1100-1300	28.72	27.65	--	--	27.81	27.22	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	27.91	26.38	26.47	25.50	26.68	25.98	26.03	26.11	26.00
	1100-1300	27.19	26.20	26.22	25.45	26.44	25.32	26.03	25.58	--
Good	900-1100	25.62	24.42	24.12	22.60	24.31	23.15	23.16	22.65	24.62
Standard - All wts.		22.91	21.45	21.00	19.60	21.62	19.80	20.00	19.00	21.75
Heifers -										
Choice*	700-900#	26.81	25.66	25.12	24.98	26.18	25.32	25.56	25.36	24.25
Good**	600-800	--	--	22.97	22.25	23.94	22.75	23.00	22.45	22.75
Standard - All wts.		22.03	20.52	19.75	19.00	21.31	19.48	19.50	19.00	19.75
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial		16.22	16.72	16.00	17.20	16.16	16.72	--	17.48	17.50
Utility		15.84	15.55	15.19	15.78	15.12	15.48	16.12	16.30	15.75
Cutter		14.97	15.10	14.16	14.20	13.94	14.15	14.25	14.50	14.00
Canner		13.16	13.45	12.94	12.55	12.68	12.95	12.88	13.20	12.00
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial		19.34	22.50	16.88	19.15	17.50	19.75	--	--	--
Utility		19.59	21.60	17.00	19.10	17.75	19.50	18.75	19.80	19.75
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice		--	--	22.06	24.00	--	--	--	--	--
Good		--	--	20.12	22.25	--	--	--	--	22.75
Standard		--	--	17.97	19.50	--	--	--	--	19.75
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice		24.50	29.50	24.50	27.50	23.38	24.50	--	--	28.50
Good		22.50	27.50	21.88	25.50	20.75	23.00	--	--	26.50
Standard		18.50	23.50	20.64	21.50	17.50	20.50	--	--	22.50
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice	500-800#	26.38	26.82	25.94	25.62	26.25	26.58	25.88	26.00	24.00
Good	500-800	24.38	24.65	24.12	23.25	24.25	24.30	24.00	24.00	20.50
Medium	500-1000	21.50	21.42	20.44	20.25	21.12	20.75	21.25	21.00	18.50
Heifers -										
Choice	500-750#	--	--	23.25	22.75	23.75	24.25	23.38	23.25	--
Med. & Gd.	500-750	--	--	20.00	19.00	20.75	21.00	21.50	21.00	18.25
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.		--	--	15.50	16.00	15.00	13.25	16.00	17.00	--
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice		--	--	27.25	26.50	28.50	30.25	29.00	29.50	24.50
Heifers -										
Good & Choice		--	--	23.75	24.00	25.00	27.00	26.25	26.25	22.00

CATTLE: MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICES
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.	Dec.
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	27.96	27.05	--	--	27.27	26.84	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	28.06	27.31	--	--	27.17	26.81	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	27.03	25.96	26.31	25.48	26.13	25.43	26.02	25.99	25.75	26.97
1100-1300	26.61	25.55	26.10	25.31	25.91	25.10	26.01	25.46	--	26.28
Good 900-1100	24.94	23.82	23.96	22.75	23.88	22.97	23.25	22.66	24.47	25.05
Standard - All wts.	22.69	21.45	20.63	19.65	21.22	19.91	20.00	19.12	21.69	22.28
Heifers -										
Choice* 700-900#	25.75	--	25.14	24.68	25.32	24.50	25.43	25.04	23.54	--
Good** 600-800	--	22.83	22.88	22.04	23.39	21.96	23.02	22.32	22.53	23.08
Standard - All wts.	21.65	20.25	19.74	19.05	21.18	19.36	19.50	19.06	19.75	21.25
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	15.48	15.86	15.91	16.08	15.61	16.01	--	17.37	16.12	16.70
Utility	14.98	14.79	14.86	14.76	14.51	14.74	16.02	15.74	15.00	15.25
Cutter	13.93)		13.94)		13.22)		14.06)		12.89)	
Canner	12.16)	13.63	12.41)	12.24	12.04)	12.94	12.71)	13.45	10.41)	12.35
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	18.28	21.15	17.04	18.43	17.34	19.32	--	--	--	19.70
Utility	18.74	20.18	17.22	18.20	17.59	18.79	18.88	19.66	19.25	20.45
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	21.75	23.09	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good	--	--	20.12	21.49	--	--	--	--	22.56	25.50
Standard	--	--	17.81	18.98	--	--	--	--	19.69	22.35
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	24.50	29.50	23.62	27.10	23.00	24.50	--	--	27.88	31.23
Good	22.50	27.54	21.14	24.70	20.75	23.00	--	--	25.88	28.50
Standard	18.50	23.74	18.88	21.10	17.50	20.50	--	--	22.25	24.50
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.60	27.15	25.74	25.64	26.55	26.80	25.88	25.93	23.25	24.00
Good 500-800	24.46	24.96	23.99	23.46	24.45	24.45	24.00	24.15	19.25	22.50
Medium 500-1000	21.52	21.22	20.64	20.03	21.30	20.90	21.25	21.05	18.50	19.75
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	22.84	22.62	23.75	24.45	23.38	23.16	20.75	22.50
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	19.75	19.20	20.75	20.95	21.50	20.00	17.50	19.50
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	15.44	15.94	15.00	13.14	16.00	15.79	--	--
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	27.05	26.96	28.50	30.10	29.00	29.16	24.50	24.25
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	23.56	23.92	25.00	26.73	26.25	26.10	21.25	23.30

*Weight range 600-800# in 1959.

** " " 700-900# " "

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

	Chicago	Interior	St. Louis	Omaha	Indianapolis	St. Joseph	Kansas City	Peoria
Classification	Jan. 7	Jan. 7	Jan. 7	Jan. 7	Jan. 7	Jan. 7	Jan. 7	Jan. 7
Barrows and gilts -	1961	1961	1961	1961	1961	1961	1961	1961
U. S. No. 1 & 2	18.11	12.28	12.68	17.62	12.02	18.05	12.66	17.76
180-200#	18.23	12.72	12.68	17.86	12.80	18.06	12.66	17.83
200-220	17.85	12.28	12.54	17.89	12.80	17.78	12.40	17.75
220-240								
U. S. No. 2 & 3	17.78	12.20	12.32	17.25	12.08	17.44	12.02	17.19
200-220	17.44	11.84	12.05	17.25	12.08	17.31	11.95	17.13
220-240	16.88	11.35	11.52	16.78	11.72	16.66	11.30	16.78
240-270								
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3	17.82	12.04	12.49	17.28	11.80	17.70	12.28	17.31
180-200	18.01	12.38	12.44	17.44	12.32	17.78	12.28	17.38
200-220	17.67	12.06	12.12	17.44	12.32	17.56	12.20	17.38
220-240	17.16	11.52	11.76	16.96	11.90	17.00	11.58	16.97
240-270								
Sows - U. S. 1, 2 & 3								
270-330								
330-400	14.66	9.78	13.77	9.36	14.75	10.12	14.84	10.35
400-550	13.34	9.12	12.52	8.19	13.47	9.55	13.72	8.85
Classification	South	Sioux City	Sioux Falls	Cincinnati	Fort Worth	Thomasville	Baltimore	North
Barrows and gilts -	St. Paul							Portland
U. S. No. 1 & 2	17.75	12.15	17.31	11.95	--	17.72	12.48	18.88
180-200#	17.75	12.58	17.62	12.42	17.51	12.37	18.28	12.66
200-220	17.62	12.58	17.54	12.34	17.51	12.37	18.09	12.35
220-240								
U. S. No. 2 & 3	17.25	12.02	17.36	12.16	17.25	12.08	18.03	12.59
200-220	17.00	11.98	17.32	12.14	17.22	12.05	17.88	12.34
220-240	16.44	11.55	16.87	11.80	16.66	11.52	17.45	11.72
240-270								
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3	17.28	11.88	17.26	11.95	--	17.87	12.46	16.88
180-200	17.28	12.08	17.39	12.28	17.31	12.32	18.09	12.59
200-220	17.00	11.90	17.34	12.22	17.31	12.22	17.90	12.34
220-240	16.41	--	16.92	11.90	16.72	11.65	--	11.72
240-270								
Sows - U. S. 1, 2 & 3	14.88	10.22	14.84	10.50	14.56	10.12	15.12	10.22
270-330	14.22	9.68	14.12	10.35	14.06	9.70	14.03	9.52
330-400	13.34	8.88	13.00	9.82	13.03	9.08	13.12	8.82
400-550								
Feeder pigs - All wts.	17.09	10.25	16.50	--	--	--	--	--
Good and Choice								

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Week ended		Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Jan. 7, 1961	17.17	17.25	17.00	16.97	16.68	17.10	16.74	17.40	17.02
	Dec. 31, 1960	17.47	17.44	17.47	17.37	17.08	17.49	17.10	17.76	17.36
	Jan. 9, 1960	11.72	11.92	11.92	11.95	11.78	11.89	11.70	12.06	11.86
Sows	Jan. 7, 1961	13.35	13.46	13.40	13.36	13.06	13.40	13.50	13.67	13.40
	Dec. 31, 1960	13.00	13.51	13.25	13.44	12.85	13.30	13.35	13.45	13.27
	Jan. 9, 1960	9.03	9.46	8.94	9.64	9.90	9.51	9.28	8.96	9.35
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Jan. 7, 1961	241	225	240	248	249	236	235	231	238
	Dec. 31, 1960	233	225	233	241	240	231	229	226	232
	Jan. 9, 1960	236	224	232	241	243	227	231	229	233
Sows	Jan. 7, 1961	451	424	444	449	451	426	428	474	443
	Dec. 31, 1960	443	404	443	444	438	424	429	459	435
	Jan. 9, 1960	456	409	429	441	438	411	416	438	431
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Jan. 7, 1961	24610	38822	12170	35778	31816	19125	37906	25462	225689
	Dec. 31, 1960	24912	44019	11519	33589	33659	19376	37188	22815	227077
	Jan. 9, 1960	40917	70057	16165	54951	47470	31922	60005	36500	357987
Sows	Jan. 7, 1961	3167	4294	1074	4290	2688	1670	3241	2781	23205
	Dec. 31, 1960	3028	3238	916	4469	3463	1859	3117	2603	22693
	Jan. 9, 1960	5407	6015	1322	5130	3053	2942	4339	3893	32101
SOWS		Percentage of total								
Jan. 7, 1961		11	10	8	11	8	8	8	10	9
Dec. 31, 1960		11	7	7	12	9	9	8	10	9
Jan. 9, 1960		12	8	8	9	6	8	7	10	8

1/ Weighted average.

WEEKLY AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Jan. 7, 1961	\$19.78	\$18.01	\$1.77
Dec. 31, 1960	19.92	18.08	1.84
Jan. 9, 1960	14.93	12.38	2.55

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn, 2/ No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Jan. 7, 1961	17.17	108.7	15.8
Dec. 31, 1960	17.47	108.2	16.1
Jan. 9, 1960	11.72	113.9	10.3

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

Month		Chi- cago	St. Louis Natl. Stock Yards	Kan- sas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	8- mkts. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 1960	17.49	17.47	17.20	17.15	16.97	17.27	16.98	17.74	17.27
	Nov. 1960	17.65	17.62	17.13	17.23	17.14	17.17	17.10	17.83	17.36
	Dec. 1959	11.87	11.96	11.84	11.84	11.70	11.84	11.70	12.30	11.86
Sows	Dec. 1960	13.13	13.58	13.50	13.45	13.12	13.52	13.40	13.27	13.36
	Nov. 1960	14.33	14.64	14.47	14.67	14.33	14.79	14.50	14.48	14.53
	Dec. 1959	8.88	9.18	8.61	8.92	8.82	9.08	8.90	8.73	8.92
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 1960	234	223	233	240	241	232	231	228	232
	Nov. 1960	229	223	233	236	236	231	230	228	231
	Dec. 1959	232	221	232	238	237	227	229	227	230
Sows	Dec. 1960	446	404	438	439	435	420	421	460	432
	Nov. 1960	441	397	424	432	430	405	410	457	424
	Dec. 1959	448	408	428	430	433	405	415	440	427
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	Dec. 1960	131021	210039	61112	161708	161784	102555	167516	103911	1099646
	Nov. 1960	127308	205923	64468	158211	140969	104697	183929	107154	1092659
	Dec. 1959	167417	282995	71536	238002	216575	140213	241248	141121	1499107
Sows	Dec. 1960	15650	18002	5306	23812	17453	9621	19428	14331	123603
	Nov. 1960	14257	19594	5328	21552	14751	9778	24364	16147	125771
	Dec. 1959	25639	27980	6170	27438	18079	12169	22671	18335	158481
SOWS		Percentage of total								
Dec. 1960		11	8	8	13	10	9	10	12	10
Nov. 1960		10	9	8	12	9	9	12	13	10
Dec. 1959		13	9	8	10	8	8	9	12	10

1/ Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Month	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
Dec. 1960	\$19.96	\$18.21	\$1.75
Nov. 1960	19.90	17.97	1.93
Dec. 1959	14.69	12.42	2.27

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Month	Barrows and gilts Dollars per 1/ 100 pounds	Corn, No. 3, yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
Dec. 1960	17.49	2/ 102.3	17.1
Nov. 1960	17.65	1/ 96.0	18.4
Dec. 1959	11.87	1/ 109.5	10.8

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - The strike of meat handlers at New York drew wide attention, due to its broad publicity. Beef and lamb sales establishments functioning under independent ownership and management, in New York City limits, were mainly involved and remained closed for the week. The situation forced curtailment of local slaughter as wholesalers and fabricators of locally dressed meats were mostly non-operative. Suburban markets operated normally along with veal, calf and pork houses, which were not affected by the strike. Clearance for the week under review was virtually complete at all points with demand good. Supplies were about normal at all markets other than New York, except for slightly above normal supplies of beef at Washington and Baltimore. Chain outlets at New York were evidently well supplied through direct shipments as buyers displayed only minor interest, although some cars assigned to strikebound establishments were transferred or diverted to chain outlets.

Steer beef closed steady to \$2.50 higher, the bulk around 50¢ to instances \$1.00 advanced and the full upturn at New York. Cow beef sold steady to \$2.00 higher, with the advance at Philadelphia and New York; veal and calf fully \$2.00 higher at New York, with veal steady to weak at Philadelphia, and steady to \$2.00 higher at other points. Lamb prices advanced \$1.00-2.00 at Philadelphia, with New York showing a \$2.50-3.50 advance, but the trend at other markets was steady to \$2.00 lower. Pork loins were steady to \$2.00 higher, bulk \$1.00-2.00 up, except weak to \$3.00 lower at Baltimore. Other pork cuts sold steady to \$2.00 higher.

Cut-back in kill schedules largely influenced a higher price trend for kosher dressed meats. Prime steer forequarters closed \$3.00 higher, Choice \$2.00-2.50 up. Prices for Choice and Prime lamb were mostly \$2.00-5.00 higher.

CHICAGO - Curtailed marketings of livestock during the holiday week limited the movement of dressed beef and was a bullish factor in the wholesale meat trade. Choice steer and heifer beef was moderately active with bulk of the tonnage moving in the form of primal cuts. Prices for all cuts advanced with chucks and rounds showing the most upturn. The veal trade was moderately active at mostly steady prices. Demand was moderately good for carcass lamb with all cuts clearing on an even basis after Tuesday. Lower prices established on lamb stews and shoulders in last week's dull trade, stimulated demand during the current period. Trading for pork was rather slow throughout. Fresh meat offerings for the short week were only moderate, but adequate to satisfy the trade requirements. Bulk of the beef supply Good and Choice grades with lamb mainly Choice and carcasses weighing 55-65# predominating. Steer and heifer beef closed 50¢-\$1.50 higher; veal and lamb steady to \$1.00 higher; pork loins \$1.00-1.50 lower; Boston butts 4-8# 50¢-\$1.00 lower; spareribs about 50¢ higher.

PACIFIC COAST - Trading on carcass steer and heifer beef was fairly active early in the week, but closed rather slow. Cow beef was active on below normal supplies. Supplies of veal and calf were about normal. Trading for lamb was fairly active with the supply moderate and clearance complete. A liberal supply of pork was rather slow in Los Angeles, but fairly active at other points along the Pacific coast. Steer and cow beef sold strong to mostly \$1.00 higher, instances \$1.50 up at Los Angeles; veal and calf strong to \$4.00 higher in California, the most advance at San Francisco, while veal sold weak to \$5.00 lower at Seattle. Lamb prices were steady in the northwest and strong to \$1.00 higher in California. Prices on pork were very uneven. Both fresh and smoked hams sold \$1.00-4.00 lower; other pork cuts steady to \$2.00 higher, with the bulk steady.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - Based on reports from major slaughtering centers in Omaha, Kansas City, Sioux City, Sioux Falls, St. Paul, St. Joseph, St. Louis and the Interior Iowa and So. Minnesota area. (Prices f.o.b. plant basis).

Demand for beef and lamb was good with below normal supplies more than offsetting the bearish effect of the meat cutter, loader and lugger strike in New York City and prices advanced. Demand for pork was moderate with supplies below normal. Clearance was generally complete except for a small carryover of pork products.

Steer beef closed \$1.00-1.50 higher; Choice heifer beef \$1.50-2.00 higher, Good \$1.00-1.50 up; cow beef \$2.00-2.50 higher; lamb \$1.00-1.25 higher; pork loins steady; fresh hams 12-14# mostly \$3.00 lower, 14-16# \$1.00-1.50 off; Boston butts steady to 50¢ lower. Pork sides sold steady to 15¢ higher.

Choice 600-700# steer carcasses closed at \$43.00-44.00, few carlots \$44.50; 700-800# \$42.00-43.00; Good 600-800# \$39.00-41.25, high-Good 600-700# \$41.50-42.00. Choice 500-700# heifer beef \$42.00-43.00; Good \$39.00-40.50, few carlots \$41.00. Utility cow beef \$30.00-31.00, few loads \$31.50-32.00. Choice including some Prime 35-45# lamb carcasses \$37.25-39.00; 45-55# \$36.00-37.50. Pork loins 8-12# \$42.00-43.50; fresh hams 12-14# \$40.00-41.25; 14-16# \$38.00-39.50; Boston butts 4-8# \$32.50-34.50. U. S. 1, 2 and 3 135-155# pork carcasses \$25.00-25.75; 155-175# \$24.30-25.50.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Trading for most fresh meats was moderately active with demand good. Steer and heifer beef closed 50¢-\$2.00 higher, instances \$2.50 up on Good grade at Philadelphia. Cow beef sold \$1.00-3.00 higher; lamb steady to \$2.00 higher, except for 45-60# carcasses weak to 50¢ lower at Philadelphia. Pork loins closed steady to \$1.00 higher.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Jan. 7	Jan. 9	Jan. 7	Jan. 9	Jan. 7	Jan. 9	Jan. 7	Jan. 9
		1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	46.75	48.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	47.50	45.05	45.58	43.38	42.50	43.25	42.29	43.44
	700-800	46.75	43.55	44.42	41.88	41.08	42.25	40.62	--
Good	500-600	44.25	43.05	43.83	40.25	41.67	42.50	40.67	43.00
	600-700	45.00	43.45	43.83	40.25	40.50	41.00	39.50	41.50
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	44.17	42.75	40.17	42.50	41.50	43.50
	600-700	--	--	44.17	42.38	38.83	--	40.25	41.56
Good	500-600	--	--	42.25	38.75	--	--	39.75	41.25
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	60.50	63.80	55.00	55.50	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	54.00	52.60	52.00	50.75	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	46.50	46.80	46.67	44.50	50.67	55.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	42.38	42.60	39.75	--	37.83	--	41.17	39.75
Choice	45-55	41.88	41.05	39.75	39.50	39.67	38.50	41.17	39.75
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	50.25	37.70	45.25	35.06	51.83	40.00	47.17	38.25
Butts	4-8	41.00	32.00	37.25	27.44	43.50	36.00	41.50	34.00
Spareribs	3# down	43.00	35.50	37.00	33.00	43.83	37.00	40.00	35.38
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating)	12-16#	51.00	40.40	50.50	45.75	54.83	50.00	52.33	45.88
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		47.50	34.20	53.25	39.75	56.00	39.00	52.17	39.50
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	33.00	29.50	33.25	30.50	32.50	30.00	33.00	29.00
Lard, 1# carton		16.25	12.50	14.50	11.50	17.50	15.50	15.67	13.75

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED JAN. 6, 1961

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	44.00-44.50	42.50-43.00	42.75-43.25	44.50-46.50	45.50-46.00
	700-800	43.00-43.50	41.50-42.00	42.00-42.75	45.00-45.50	45.00-45.50
Good	800-900	41.50-42.00	40.50-41.00	40.50-41.25	43.00-44.50	43.00-43.50
	500-600	41.00-42.00	--	40.75-41.75	44.00-45.00	--
	600-700	41.00-42.00	41.00-42.00	40.00-40.75	43.50-44.50	42.50-44.00
	700-800	40.50-41.50	41.00-41.50	--	43.50-44.50	42.00-43.50
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	42.50-43.00	42.50-43.00	41.75-42.25	--	--
	600-700	42.50-43.00	41.25-42.00	41.75-42.25	--	44.00-45.00
Good	500-600	40.00-41.00	38.25-39.50	39.50-40.00	--	--
	600-700	40.00-41.00	38.25-39.50	39.50-40.00	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		30.50-31.50	31.00-32.00	30.00-30.50	--	32.50-33.00
Canner and Cutter		31.00-32.00	--	30.50-31.00	--	32.50-33.00
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	38.00-39.00	--	--	40.00-42.00	40.00-41.00
	45-55	37.00-38.00	--	--	38.00-39.00	38.00-39.00
	55-65	34.00-35.50	--	--	36.00-38.00	36.00-37.00
Choice	35-45	38.00-39.00	36.00-37.00	36.25-37.25	40.00-42.00	40.00-41.00
	45-55	37.00-38.00	35.00-36.00	35.25-36.25	38.00-39.00	38.00-39.00
	55-65	34.00-35.50	33.00	33.25-34.25	36.00-38.00	36.00-37.00
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	43.00-44.00	--	42.00-43.00	--	45.00-45.50

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading for greasy combing wools in the Boston market was very limited with prices about steady. A fair volume of pulled wools was sold along with some noils at steady prices. Range sales were limited to a few lots in Wyoming with very little activity in Texas and the fleece wool States.

The Dominion markets remained closed for the holiday season. There was slight activity in Argentine carpet wools while Bradford was active in Montevideo recently.

Fleece Wools - Trading for fleece wools was extremely limited.

Territory Wools - Original bag bulk fine good French combing and staple wool sold in Casper, Wyoming at 40.66¢ grease basis delivered Boston while another lot of similar description but heavier shrink-ing sold at 37.5¢ grease basis, delivered.

Texas Wools - Activity in Texas was very slow with sales volume too small to establish prices.

Mohair - Bulk of the 1960 clip has sold previously at 91½¢ for adult and \$1.26½ for kid mohair to the warehouse. There was occasional contracting of the 1961 spring clip at 91½¢ for adult and \$1.21½ for kid hair to the warehouse.

Foreign Wools - Dominion auctions will resume in South Africa at East London and Durban on January 9, in Australia on January 10 at Newcastle, Adelaide and Goulburn and in New Zealand at Wanganui on January 11.

Montevideo Super Skirted wools were quoted for shipment as follows: 64s at 90¢, 60/64s at 87¢, 60s at 85¢, 58/60s at 83¢, 56/58s at 82¢ and 50/56s at 81¢.

Carpet Wools - Trade in carpet wools continued dull. Greasy Buenos Aires November second clip 36/40s were quoted at 73¢ while scoured 36/40s were priced at 74-74½¢. New Zealand carpet fleeces were offered at 75¢ and crutchings around 68¢ all clean fibers present for shipment.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

		<u>Scoured Pulled Domestic</u>
64s	1½-2½" choice white	\$1.24-1.25
58/60s	ave. 2½" white	1.09
58/60s	2-2½" white	1.04
58/60s	1-1½" white	1.00
56/50s	1½-2½" lt. stain	.98

Noils

Clear 64/70s Aust. nobles	\$.87
Semi-clear 64s Aust. nobles	.81
Choice 62s terr. nobles	.79

Greasy Pulled Domestic (Clean basis)

56/50s	2½-3" burry and seedy	\$.95
56/50s	1½-2½" light stain	.93
48s	3-4" choice	1.04

Wool Tops - There was more inquiry for fleece 54s oil-combed tops but trade was slow and little done. Quotes follow:

<u>Warp Aust. D/C</u>	<u>Warp Dom. D/C</u>
70s - \$1.82	\$1.76
64s - 1.76	1.70
62s - 1.70	1.62
60s - 1.65	1.53
58/60s - 1.61	1.48

<u>Oil-combed</u>	<u>Territory</u>	<u>Fleece</u>
58/60s - \$1.59	\$1.46	--
56s - --	1.43	\$1.41
50/56s - --	1.41	1.38
48/50s - --	--	1.35

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS -
Jan. 5, 1961 (Furnished by the Wool
Associates of the N. Y. Cotton Exchange)

March wool tops -	\$1.468
May wool tops -	1.470
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length	
March wool -	\$1.136
May wool -	1.134
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length	

THE LIVESTOCK AND MEAT SITUATION

Approved by the Outlook and Situation Board, January 5, 1961

Summary

The livestock industry this fall has featured--

- (1) A sharply reduced level of hog slaughter, and relatively favorable prices following the reduction in the number of spring pigs.
- (2) Generally larger marketings of other meat animals than in 1959.
- (3) Strengthening of cattle prices, which, for most classes, are near or above those of a year earlier.
- (4) A decline in lamb prices with prices continuing below last year's level.
- (5) Total meat production in recent months down from a year ago due to smaller pork output.

Hog production is increasing and will result in a larger pork output in the last half of 1961 than in 1960. The 1960 fall pig crop was down 3 percent, but as of December 1 producers planned to increase the spring pig crop 5 percent. The gain will be somewhat larger in early farrowings according to present intentions. However, the entire spring crop would be smaller relative to population than in any postwar year except 1960. No severe decline in hog prices is expected in the fall of 1961, although prices will be appreciably less than this past fall.

Hog prices have held up better this fall than usual as slaughter has lagged sharply behind year-earlier levels. The average price to farmers for hogs in December was \$16.20 per 100 pounds, \$4.90 above a year earlier. Slaughter will continue below a year ago during the next few months although the margin will narrow as the 3 percent smaller fall pig crop is marketed. Prices are expected to be above a year earlier this winter and may fluctuate within relatively narrow limits. Price discounts for overweight will widen if farmers continue to stretch out the feeding period for hogs.

Market supplies of fed cattle this winter probably will be a little larger than last, but grass cattle will provide much of the expected increase in total cattle slaughter. The number of cattle and calves on feed October 1, 1960, in 26 feeding States was only 1 percent larger than October 1959. Since then, marketings of fed steers and heifers have been down slightly. Feeder cattle sales and shipments indicate the number placed on feed since October 1 was probably about the same as last fall. Hence, the number of cattle and calves on feed January 1 will likely be close to last January. This winter, cattle prices--including fed cattle--will likely continue close to or a little above current prices.

The 1960 lamb crop was up 2 percent. Sheep and lamb slaughter since July has been about 10 percent larger than in the same period in 1959. The number of sheep and lambs on feed for winter and early spring market this year is not expected to differ greatly from the number on feed on January 1, 1960. Hence, total lamb marketings this winter will likely be close to a year earlier. Some seasonal uptrend in lamb prices seems probable this winter.

Total meat consumption in 1960 was about 161 pounds per person, a pound or so more than in 1959. This uptrend will continue in 1961 and consumption of meat of about 165 pounds may set a new high. Most of the prospective 4-pound gain will come in the last half of the year and will be due to larger beef supplies.

Average retail meat prices are currently a little above a year earlier, as higher pork prices more than offset lower beef prices. Retail prices this winter will likely average a little above a year earlier but will drop below later as increasing pork production brings lower prices.

Late in 1960, the Department of Agriculture purchased about 46.4 million pounds of frozen ground beef, 33.2 million pounds of canned beef and 42,000 pounds of frozen ground lamb for distribution to schools participating in the National School Lunch Program. Also, 23.1 million pounds of lard were purchased for donation to needy persons and institutions. Meat purchases for schools and lard purchase programs were suspended in November.

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SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - 110# down								
Prime	Jan. 7, 1961	17.75	--	18.19	--	--	18.50	--
	Jan. 9, 1960	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	Jan. 7, 1961	17.28	17.18	17.25	16.38	17.50	17.75	17.71
	Jan. 9, 1960	19.10	18.75	18.58	17.38	18.87	17.98	18.00
Good	Jan. 7, 1961	16.12	15.94	16.31	15.81	16.50	16.75	16.75
	Jan. 9, 1960	18.05	17.88	17.72	17.25	18.22	17.30	17.38
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Jan. 7, 1961	5.75	5.88	5.25	--	6.50	4.50	4.88
	Jan. 9, 1960	6.05	5.50	4.65	--	5.62	4.75	5.25
Cull and Utility	Jan. 7, 1961	5.50	5.25	4.38	6.94*	5.38	3.25	3.62
	Jan. 9, 1960	5.42	4.12	3.90	6.50*	4.00	3.00	3.75
FEEDER LAMBS - All wts.								
Good and Choice	Jan. 7, 1961	--	16.25	--	15.25	16.50	16.00	15.25
	Jan. 9, 1960	--	17.00	--	16.05	--	15.50	15.25

*Shorn basis.